

Can you please give me insight as to whether this is excessive use of retardant? "Yesterday on the Klondike Fire alone, airtankers dropped nearly 149,000 gallons of retardant on the west flank of the fire." Is it part of a set and sound strategy or is it a desperate tactic to hopefully set us up to be able to burn out? Feels out of sync with normal application rates to me. Please advise and thanks.

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Medford Tanker Base tops 1.4 million gallons of retardant this year

Today was the last shift for Australia and New Zealand contingent, who filled 85 key mid-level supervisory roles in the Northwest for the past month. Also of note, Medford Airtanker Base surpassed 1.4 million gallons of retardant this year so far, exceeding last year's 1.1 million gallons. Yesterday on the Klondike Fire alone, airtankers dropped nearly 149,000 gallons of retardant on the west flank of the fire.

Stable and warming conditions precede the potential for elevated fire weather concerns in the Willamette Valley Tuesday afternoon, which prompted the issuance of a Red Flag Warning from 1-7 pm Tuesday. The central and south portions of the valley are seeing the highest fire potential. A weak surface thermal trough along the coast Wednesday morning drifts inland during the day and should reach the Cascades late Wednesday afternoon or early evening. Mid-level Haines 5, with local areas of Haines 6, are likely Wednesday afternoon. Regionwide, the energy release component (ERCs) will climb mid-week and then begin a cumulative decline beginning Friday, with the exception of east-central Washington and central-west and southwest Oregon.

Helpful Links:

- PNW Execs blog: pnwexecs.blogspot.com
- NWCC Blog: <http://nwccinfo.blogspot.com/>
- Oregon Smoke blog: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>
- Washington Smoke blog: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>
- 7-Day Fire Potential : <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/fwx/guidance/DL.pdf>
- Morning Brief: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/intelligence/MORNINGBRIEF.pdf>
- Helpful Wind Map: <https://www.windy.com/?44.143,-119.773,6,i:pressure>

Fire-related articles:

Growing and Changing Gorge, 1 year later: https://www.oregonlive.com/expo/news/erry-2018/09/7dd264ccc16223/eagle-creek-fire-anniversary-g.html#incart_target2box_default#incart_target2box_targeted

Living on the Fire Frontier: <http://methowvalleynews.com/2018/08/29/living-on-the-fire-frontier/>

Fire reshapes US West: [AP Explains: Driven by climate change, fire reshapes US West](#)

[Smoke: After wildfires, Washington's outdoors industry braces for smoky ...](#)

Dozers in the Wilderness: <http://mailtribune.com/news/top-stories/bulldozers-in-the-wild>

A guide to wildfire preparedness and history: <https://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/6478309-151/a-guide-to-wildfire-preparedness-and-history>